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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: VIII OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. POLITICAL COUNSELOR DISCUSSED OASGA WITH AMBASSADOR SERGIO GONZALEZ GALVEZ, DIRECTOR-IN-CHIEF, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, FOREIGN SECRETARIAT. ON MEXICAN DEL, GONZALEZ GALVEZ (GG) SAID FOREIGN SECRETARY ROEL WOULD HEAD DELEGATION AND WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE, GLORIA RODRIGUEZ DE ROEL. OAS AMBASSADOR DE LA COLINA; AMBASSADOR ISMAEL MORENO PINO, A LONG TIME PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMAT AND COORDINATOR OF INTER-AMERICAN STUDIES IN SRE; GG; AND UNNAMED REPS OF SECRETARIATS OF TREASURY AND EDUCATION (FOR THEIR SPECIAL SUBJECTS) WOULD MAKE UP DELEGATION.

2. GG WELCOMED FULL BRIEFING ON US VIEWS AND HAD FOLLOWING COMMENTS: ON PANAMANIAN-US RELATIONS, HE FOUND IT STRANGE US WOULD WANT TO AVOID LANGUAGE IN A RESOLUTION TO EFFECT THAT NOTHING IN TREATIES CONTRAVENED PRECEPTS OF OAS CHARTER. EMBOFF EXPLAINED THAT WE SAW INCLUSION SUCH LANGUAGE AS LIKELY TO SET OFF DEBATE ON DE CONCINI AMENDMENT, WHICH WILLY-NILLY WAS PART OF TREATY. GG ASSURED US THAT GOM WOULD NOT RAISE THE ISSUE OF DE CONCINI AMENDMENT,
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BUT THAT IF OTHERS RAISED IT.MEXICO WOULD BE OBLIGED TO SPEAK ITS MIND.

3. ON OAS REFORM AND SPECIFIC QUESTION OF NEGOTIATING COMMISSION, WHICH HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN ADVANCED AS PERSONAL PROPOSAL BY AMBASSADOR DE LA COLINA, GG SAID MEXICO HAD DECIDED DURING DE LA COLINA'S CONSULTATION HERE THAT PRO-

POSAL WOULD BE FORMALLY ESPOUSED BY GOM.

4. ON QUOTA REDUCTION, GG AGREED IN PRINCIPLE WITH US DESIRE TO REDUCE QUOTA, BUT THOUGHT IT SHOULD BE DONE IN PHASED OPERATION, AMR SAID MEXICO HAD HAD SOME DISCUSSIONS, HE THOUGHT WITH US ABOUT A TEN-YEAR PHASE DOWN, SO AS NOT TO HAMPER OAS OPERATIONS.

5. ON HUMAN RIGHTS, GG FELT THAT NICARAGUA WOULD INDEED SPARK MUCH DEBATE. HE FELT THAT US STATEMENT THAT IT WILL RESIST ANY EFFORT TO JUSTIFY VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AS A LEGITIMATE RESPONSE TO TERRORISM WAS PRAISEWORTHY BUT WOULD ENCOUNTER SOUTHERN CONE OPPOSITION AND RESENTMENT.

6. GONZALEZ GALVEZ HAD COPY OF SECRETARY VANCE'S MAY 30 LETTER TO ROEL RE OAS, AND WAS OF OPINION THAT ROEL INTENDED TO CONVEY HIS VIEWS TO SECRETARY PERSONALLY WHILE IN WASHINGTON RATHER THAN PROVIDE WRITTEN REPLY. ROEL SUBSEQUENTLY CONFIRMED THIS INTENTION TO AMBASSADOR.

7. FOLLOWING FOR IO, ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES:
GONZALEZ GALVEZ REFERRED TO LAST YEAR'S CONVERSATION WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES AS ONE OF BEST BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS HE HAD EVER HAD, AND HOPED THAT MAYNES WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO SEE HIM DURING HIS TIME IN WASHINGTON.
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GG WILL BE IN WASHINGTON FROM THURSDAY JUNE 22 THROUGH SUNDAY JUNE 25, AND CAN BE REACHED THROUGH MEXICAN MISSION TO OAS.

8. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE IO'S INDICATION OF POSSIBLE ACCEPTABLE DATES AND TIMES AND WILL BE PLEASED TO CONVEY INFO TO GONZALEZ GALVEZ. LUCEY

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